

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S175–S232

Measures Introduced: Nine bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2044–2052, and S. Res. 359–364. **Pages S207–08**

Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 1789, to improve, sustain, and transform the United States Postal Service (S. Rept. No. 112–143) **Page S207**

Measures Passed:

Commending Alan S. Frumin: Senate agreed to S. Res. 359, commending Alan S. Frumin on his service to the United States Senate. **Pages S200–01**

Hereditary Angioedema Awareness Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 286, recognizing May 16, 2012, as Hereditary Angioedema Awareness Day and expressing the sense of the Senate that more research and treatments are needed for Hereditary Angioedema, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S222**

Udall (CO) (for Inouye) Amendment No. 1495, to strike provisions relating to increased research. **Page S222**

National Stalking Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 360, raising awareness and encouraging prevention of stalking by designating January 2012 as “National Stalking Awareness Month”. **Pages S222–24**

Congratulating the University of Alabama Crimson Tide Football Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 361, congratulating the University of Alabama Crimson Tide football team for winning the 2011 Bowl Championship Series National Championship. **Pages S222–24**

National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 362, designating the month of February 2012 as “National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month”. **Pages S222–24**

Congratulating the Pittsburg State University Gorillas Football Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 363, congratulating the Pittsburg State University Gorillas football team for winning the 2011 NCAA Division II Football Championship. **Pages S222–24**

National Catholic Schools Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 364, recognizing the goals of National Catholic Schools Week and honoring the valuable contributions of Catholic schools in the United States. **Pages S222–24**

Measures Considered:

Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge (Stock) Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of S. 2038, to prohibit Members of Congress and employees of Congress from using nonpublic information derived from their official positions for personal benefit, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S181–87, S187–S200, S201–02**

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 1470, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S181**

Reid (for Lieberman) Amendment No. 1482 (to Amendment No. 1470), to make a technical amendment to a reporting requirement. **Page S181**

Brown (OH) Amendment No. 1478 (to Amendment No. 1470), to change the reporting requirement to 10 days. **Pages S181, S182**

Brown (OH)/Merkley Amendment No. 1481 (to Amendment No. 1470), to prohibit financial conflicts of interest by Senators and staff. **Pages S181, S182**

Toomey Amendment No. 1472 (to Amendment No. 1470), to prohibit earmarks. **Pages S182, S197**

Thune Amendment No. 1477 (to Amendment No. 1470), to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to eliminate the prohibition against general solicitation as a requirement for a certain exemption under Regulation D. **Page S183**

McCain Amendment No. 1471 (to Amendment No. 1470), to protect the American taxpayer by prohibiting bonuses for Senior Executives at Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac while they are in conservatorship. **Pages S183–86**

Leahy/Cornyn Amendment No. 1483 (to Amendment No. 1470), to deter public corruption.

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Coburn Amendment No. 1473 (to Amendment No. 1470), to prevent the creation of duplicative and overlapping Federal programs.

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Coburn/McCain Amendment No. 1474 (to Amendment No. 1470), to require that all legislation be placed online for 72 hours before it is voted on by the Senate or the House.

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Coburn Amendment No. 1476, in the nature of a substitute.

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Paul Amendment No. 1484 (to Amendment No. 1470), to require Members of Congress to certify that they are not trading using material, non-public information.

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Paul Amendment No. 1485 (to Amendment No. 1470), to apply the reporting requirements to Federal employees and judicial officers.

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Paul Amendment No. 1487 (to Amendment No. 1470), to prohibit executive branch appointees or staff holding positions that give them oversight, rule-making, loan or grant-making abilities over industries or companies in which they or their spouse have a significant financial interest.

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DeMint Amendment No. 1488 (to Amendment No. 1470), to express the sense of the Senate that the Senate should pass a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution that limits the number of terms a Member of Congress may serve.

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Paul Amendment No. 1490 (to Amendment No. 1470), to require former Members of Congress to forfeit Federal retirement benefits if they work as a lobbyist or engage in lobbying activities.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Tuesday, February 1, 2012.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

4 Army nominations in the rank of general.

14 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

7 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy.

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Measures Placed on the Calendar:

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Executive Communications:

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Additional Statements:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 1, 2012. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S224.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine holding the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) accountable, focusing on a review of first semi-annual report, after receiving testimony from Richard Cordray, Director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

U.S. AND GLOBAL ENERGY OUTLOOK

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the United States and global energy outlook for 2012, after receiving testimony from Howard Gruenspecht, Acting Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; Richard H. Jones, International Energy Agency, Paris, France; Roger Diwan, PFC Energy, Washington, D.C.; and James Burkhard, IHS CERA, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

EXTENDERS AND TAX REFORM

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine extenders and tax reform, focusing on long-term solutions, after receiving testimony from Rosanne Altshuler, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey; Jason J. Fichtner, George Mason University Mercatus Center, Arlington, Virginia; and Caroline L. Harris, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Washington, D.C.

VIDEO PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Privacy, Technology and the Law concluded a hearing to examine the "Video Privacy Protection Act", focusing on protecting viewer privacy in the 21st century, including H.R. 2471, to amend section 2710 of title 18, United States Code, to clarify that a video tape service provider may obtain a consumer's informed, written consent on an ongoing basis and that consent may be obtained through the Internet, after receiving testimony from Representative Watt; David